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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT THE HAGUE 5076 ACTION DEPT OCT 16TH

QUOTE

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FOR EB/OA AND CAB

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: KLM TO REDUCE CAPACITY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. KLM HAS CONFIRMED A REPORT IN TODAY'S DE VOLKSKRANT THAT IT PLANS TO ANNOUNCE AS OF NOVEMBER 1 A REDUCTION IN PASSENGER CAPACITY TO AND FROM US BY 28 PERCENT FROM LAST SUMMER'S SCHEDULE. KLM PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICIAL, VOGELS, TOLD EMBASSY THAT AIRLINE WILL ACCOMPLISH CUT BY USING SMALLER AIRCRAFT (DC-10S INSTEAD OF BOEING 747S) AND BY SWITCHING TO PARTIAL FREIGHT ACCOMMODATION ON SOME 747S. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME REDUCTION IN CAPACITY IS NORMAL IN WINTER, MAGNITUDE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS YEAR'S DECREASE IS SHARP ENOUGH TO SUGGEST KLM

MAY TRY TO MAKE APPEAR AS GESTURE TO US IN CIVAIR TALKS
IN ORDER TO SOFTEN US ATTITUDE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE
THINK GESTURE SHOULD BE SEEN IN PERSPECTIVE OF KLM'S OWN
OPERATING DEFICIT, WHICH MAKES SUCH REDUCTION ECONOMICALLY
LOGICAL STEP. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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